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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 3185

FROM: COMUSMILGP/NAVSEC

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SUBJECT UNITAS XIX PLANNING (U)

REF: A USCOMSOLANT 201255Z APR 78 PASEP B BA 312034Z MAR 78 PASEP
C USCOMSOLANT 211725Z APR 78 PASEP

1. PROPOSALS IN REF A WERE DISCUSSED AS ALTERNATIVES PRIOR
TO SUBMISSION OF REF B: THEY WERE CONSIDERED BY THE
ARGNAV BUT REJECTED AS THEY DO NOT MEET THEIR DESIRES
FOR THE CRUISE; THAT IS, A FIVE DAY STAY IN PUERTO BELGRANO;
AT LEAST TWO ARGENTINE PORTS VISITS (WITH USHUAIA THE SECOND
PORT IN THEIR PROPOSAL); AND A SIX TO EIGHT DAY OPERATIONAL
PERIOD AT SEA.

2. AMEMB RELUCTANT TO APPROACH ARGNAV AS REQUESTED IN REF C
UNLESS ASSURED THAT USCOMSOLANT IS AWARE THAT THIS INSISTANCE
ON THE ALTERNATIVES IN REF A COULD ULTIMATELY RESULT IN
THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINAS PARTICIPATION FROM UNITAS XIX.
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3. IN ANY CASE, REQUEST YOU EXAMINE A NEW ALTERNATIVE APPROACH
ING AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE THE ARGNAV DESIRES FOR THE CRUISE
PRIOR TO ANY AMEMB APPROACHES TO THE ARGENTINE NAVY.
ADDITIONALLY:
A MAR DEL PLATA IS A VERY SMALL BASE WHICH CAN BARELY
ACCOMMODATE THE SUBMARINE PROVIDED DREDGING HAS KEPT HARBOR

DEPTHS ABOVE 30 FT. WEATHER AND OCEAN SWELLS IN THE ROAD
STEAD WILL NOT NORMALLY SUPPORT SMALL BOAT OPERATIONS AND
HAVE CAUSED LOSS OF LIFE AND MATERIAL IN PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.
OFFSHORE ANCHORAGE IS DEFINITELY NOT RECOMMENDED.
B SEAS COULD SUPPORT PRESAIL IN RIO DE LA PLATA BUT
WEATHER IS CHANCY. WE MAY BE ABLE TO SELL THE PROPOSAL
FOR A PRESAIL IN BUENOS AIRES AROUND 7 SEPT.

4. AMBASSADOR CONCURS.
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